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Mr. Jasper Craven
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Dear Mr. Craven,

This letter is concerning your January 10, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in which you are requesting:

" All email correspondence between VA officials and the officials at the Concerned Veterans For America with email addresses ending in "@cv4a.org." between Jan. 20 and present day." The search terms should include, but are not limited to, "trump" "koch" "accountability" "privatize" "shulkin" "selnick" "VA."

By email dated January 30, 2018, Diane Cooke of my staff contacted you for clarification pertaining to your request. On February 1, 2018, you responded, by email, with your clarification and stated the timeframe for the search is January 20, 2018 and present day.

Your request was assigned FOIA tracking numbers **18-03943-F** Office of the Secretary; **18-04199-F** Veteran Health Administration; **18-04200-F** Veterans Benefits Administration; **18-04203-F** National Cemetery Administration; **18-04204-F** Congressional and Legislative Affairs; **18-04205-F** Human Resources and Administration; **18-04206-F** Office of General Counsel; **18-04207-F** Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; **18-04208-F** Operations, Security, and Preparedness; **18-04209-F** Office of Information and Technology; **18-04210-F** Enterprise Integration; **18-04211-F** Board of Veterans Appeals; **18-04212-F** Office of Management; and, **18-04213-F** Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection. Please refer to these numbers when communicating with the VA about your request.

This response pertaining to the Executive in Charge for the Office of Information and Technology (Scott Blackburn). This portion of your request was assigned FOIA tracking number **18-04209-F**.

On August 24, 2018, Ms. Cooke contacted you again for further information, asking you if you would be willing to remove VA as a search term, and, by email dated September 17, 2018, you agreed to remove VA as a search term.

After conducting a search for responsive records, the VA did not locate any records as stated above during the specified timeframe. Therefore, we are providing you a no records response.

If you do not agree with this "no records" response, you have the right to appeal. You may appeal to:

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Department of Veterans Affairs
General Counsel (024)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

You may also submit your appeal via facsimile to (202) 273-6388 or via email to ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov.

Please include a copy of your request and this letter with your appeal, and clearly state why you disagree with this determination. If you mail your appeal, both the front of the envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

As an alternative to submitting an appeal, you may contact the VA FOIA Public Liaison, which was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. Using the VA FOIA Public Liaison does not affect your right to appeal.

You may contact the VA FOIA Public Liaison at:

Department of Veterans Affairs
VA FOIA Public Liaison (005R1C)
810 Vermont Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20420
Email: vacofoiaservice@va.gov
Telephone: (877) 750-3642
Facsimile: (202) 632-7581

In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making requests and agencies as a nonexclusive alternative to litigation and, at the discretion of the Office, may issue advisory opinions if mediation has not resolved the dispute.

You may contact OGIS at:

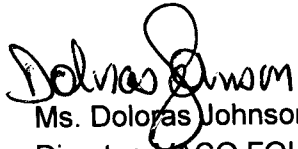
Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
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Toll free: 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: (202) 741-5769
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This concludes the FOIA Service's response to your request.

We appreciate your interest in the VA. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Diane Cooke of my staff at 202-632-7419.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dolores Johnson". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "D" and a cursive "J".

Ms. Dolores Johnson
Director, VACO FOIA Service
Office of Privacy Information and Identity Protection (PIIP)
Quality, Privacy, and Risk (QPR)
Office of Information and Technology (OIT)